

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
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To: Honolulu City Council
The Honorable Ron Menor, Chair

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RE; Council Bill 52 CD1 (2017) Minimum Real Property Tax

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I am writing in opposition to CB 52 CD1 (2017) Related to the Minimum Real Property Tax. The bill proposes to change the property tax exemption provided to historic residential properties by raising the annual minimum tax for historic residences dedicated to preservation to \$1000 per year. The minimum property tax for other exemption categories would remain at the current level of \$300 annually. If CB 52 CD1 is approved, only historic residential properties and credit unions would be subject to the higher annual minimum tax rate; the other, more than 20 categories of exemptions that qualify under their programs would pay the lower rate.

The Tahitienne is a mid-century modern multi residential building that was built in the late 1950's. We are the only residential building with the State of Hawaii Historic Property designation, granted in August of 2010.

To date the Tahitienne has been rejected on obtaining a Historic Building Plaque and City and County tax relief exemption because only single-family homes and duplexes

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are granted those benefits.

The Tahitiienne need these exemption benefits to be able to maintain our mid-century 60 year old building. It is more expensive to hire the skills needed to maintain the as built characteristics of our building.

I am not only asking the historic exemption amount not be changed, I am asking that the Tahitiienne be granted our due exemption and historic building plaque. Therefore, I urge City Council to oppose CB 52 CD1 and leave the minimum property tax for historic homes unchanged. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Richard Dulcich

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